

Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service

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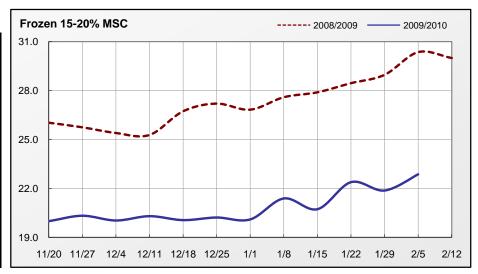
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone on frozen 15-20% was fully steady to firm, frozen 15% or less fully steady, and on the balance of fat contents mostly steady. Supplies of frozen 15-20% were barely adequate to close and clearing, fresh 15-20% adequate, and about adequate on the remainder of fat contents. Supplies of raw materials were barely adequate to close with good interest. Export and domestic demand was fair on fresh 15-20% and moderate to good on frozen 15-20%. Most trade interest and movement was noted into the Caribbean and Central American countries with some interest into Eastern Europe; Mexico continues quiet. Schedules were normal to reduced this week as winter storms last weekend wreaked havoc across the country causing power outages, trucking delays, and other plant disruptions for some. Industry again braces for another round of storm activity this weekend into next week. Frame values were fully steady trading mostly 9-10 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	5-Feb-10	Last Week	Last Year	5-Feb-10	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range	24.50		-	18.00 - 20.00	19.00 - 21.00	28.00-29.00	
Wtd Avg Price	24.50		-	19.00	19.80	28.19	
Volume Traded	40	-	-	245	204	214	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	54	
15-20%							
Price Range	20.00 - 28.00	18.00 - 25.00	27.00-34.00	15.75 - 21.00	16.00 - 21.50	21.00-28.00	
Wtd Avg Price	22.87	21.87	30.35	17.82	17.80	24.39	
Volume Traded	2,045	1,294	1,349	4,743	3,162	3,352	
Volume Exported	1,645	1,094	948	755	163	857	
20% or More							
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00 - 17.00	16.00 - 17.00	24.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	16.50	16.33	24.00	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	82	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2009	Jan 2010	Dec 2009	Jan 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.00	-	-	18.78	18.55	27.67
Volume Traded	80	-	-	1,689	894	1,524
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	274
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	21.31	20.14	27.92	17.57	17.84	23.48
Volume Traded	6,700	6,781	5,100	15,974	12,366	12,494
Volume Exported	5,940	5,659	4,268	2,162	3,060	2,613
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.08	16.18	22.99
Volume Traded	-	-	-	530	449	284
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

